

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-3 (canceled).

Claim 4 (new): A lens material comprising:  
lithium tantalate including a lithium oxide and a tantalum oxide; wherein  
a molar composition ratio of the lithium oxide and the tantalum oxide  
( $\text{Li}_2\text{O}/\text{Ta}_2\text{O}_5$ ) in the lithium tantalate is in a range of 0.975 to 0.982; and  
a birefringence of the lithium tantalate is in a range of -0.0005 to 0.0005.

Claim 5 (new): An optical electronic component including the lens material  
according to Claim 4.

Claim 6 (new): An optical electronic device including the optical electronic  
component according to Claim 5.